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CURLING

THE GREAT BONSPIEL

Last week will go down in history with Ponoka curlers. Their first bonspiel was staged, and entered into with great zest. Ten risks participated, and from the opening game till the last rock was thrown interest never flagged.

Three contests were arranged—Grand Challenge, Hudson's Bay and Consolation, and some very fine play was witnessed, the prizes and "honors" being keenly sought. Great victories! Great defeats! Men have become great, and men went down. And so, after strenuous work W. R. McLaughlin's rink won the Grand Challenge—gold watch chain; C. H. Cummings' rink 2nd (dark lights). The Hudson's Bay was won by S. Bird (silver berry spoons); C. H. Cummings' rink (every mirror). Consolation R. H. Small was first (smoking set).

J. A. Kerr 2nd (safety razors). There is no doubt, curling has come to stay in Ponoka, and the annual bonspiel will always be an outstanding event during the winter months.

The Herald would like to say a great deal about the play and the players but must hold down to a few observations. When all things are considered it was only to be expected that W. R. McLaughlin's rink would win first honors. He had a splendid team, every man of them born curlers and must have learned the art of sweeping at an early age. Besides cause and think of the skip. A master in tactics, someone who, but above all, carries the pronounced marks of a Scotsman—to defeat him was practically impossible.

Next in honor was Sidney Bird. Always a favorite, he was a popular win. A backer, it was observed that more ladies graced the ice when Sid played than at any other contest.

H. R. Small stood third. He played the game to perfection, but his great anxiety lay in the want of sweepers—weak in the sweep, not even a "live Prof." could deliver the goods.

C. H. Cummings' rink was favoured with two seconds, and with flash lights and mirrors, can take a retrospect of themselves before the next bonspiel comes around.

J. A. Kerr had the honor to lead his team to a second place. His drawing and freeze-up shots were marvellous, but "Good Night Johnnie," Uncle Bill had too many "Weak Sisters" on the ice.

The prizes are unique and popular. J. T. the renowned Fifeshire honorist, for instance, secured a beautiful safety razor, which will no doubt add much to his business in an artistic way. He is sending to Cuper Angus for blades, not on their arrival intends giving free demonstrations in the noble art of safety shaving.

Then, again, take the berry spoons. What more appropriate gift could have been given than upon to the following: S. Bird, Hugo Schmidt, C. W. Segerstrom and G. E. Turner. And mark you they were berry spoons!

But enough has been said. J. G. LaFrance as secretary had every thing O.K.

The Ponoka Curling Club (Rev.) E. G. Turner, served hot lunch in the evenings, which was much appreciated by the outdoorers and players.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders wanted for the erection of two Lavatories for the Ferryland Schoolhouse. Tenders to be received up to Saturday, March 19. Plans are specifications can be seen at the secretary's home.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
F. W. LAYBURN,
Secretary, Ferryland

Rush to Northern Oil Fields

Ponoka, March 17.—The stampede to the Ponoka Cup of oil fields is daily gaining momentum. In the last three days over one hundred men with full outfits of staking paraphernalia and pack horses made their way into the country, and today stakers are arriving over both the Spirit River and Grand Prairie trails.

The rush is principally in a southeasterly direction from the original discoveries. Virtually the whole of townships 76 to 82 in ranges 11 to 14, have been covered which amounts to approximately six hundred thousand acres. The fact of its being so near transportation has diverted a large number from the Fort Norman field. Two drilling rigs are already on the ground.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE

The Union Church held their missionary anniversary on Sunday. The special preacher was the Rev. R. L. McTavish, of Edmonton, who delivered two very able and forceful discourses. The stormy weather militated against the attendance, but over \$300 was subscribed for Methodist and Presbyterian work.

On Monday night Mr. McTavish delivered his popular lecture "Modern Chivalry," and it proved a rare treat to those who were present. For about an hour and a half the lecturer held the audience in the closest attention, and his hearty applause at the close was a tribute to their appreciation.

They were not only entertained, they were stimulated, and the prevailing comment at the close was "It is a pity that so few took advantage of this opportunity of hearing such a masterpiece."

Wake up, Ponoka! The progressiveness or degeneracy of the community is indicated by its interest, or lack of interest, in entertainments that are elevating, instructive and stimulating. We are in danger of becoming a lull number.

ALBERTA FARMERS LEAD

The farmers have been accused of dodging the income tax. If the charge is true at all, it is less true of the farmers of Alberta than those of the rest of Canada. Alberta farmers paid more income tax last year than any of the other provinces.

The total amount collected in each province is shown by a statement issued at Ottawa. It is difficult to understand how Alberta farmers come to pay \$361,118.39, when the farmers of Ontario, the most populous and richest of the provinces, pay only \$67,974.75.

The total value of Alberta's field crops for 1920 was \$274,185,107. Ontario's field crops in 1920 were valued at \$390,183,000. With more than \$100,000,000 of income from the income of the Alberta farmer, the man from Ontario paid on the country approximately \$201,000 less income tax.—Calgary Herald.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE OPENS BRANCH IN TRINIDAD

The Canadian Bank of Commerce is about to open another branch in the West Indies at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The history of the Island of Trinidad is interesting. It was discovered by Columbus in 1498, and a settlement was founded there by Spaniards in 1532. Though not left uninhabited, for their capital was burned by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1595, they remained in possession till 1797, when they capitulated to a British expedition from Martinique. Trinidad was ceded to Britain five years later by the Treaty of Amiens.

Oil, sugar, molasses, rum, coconuts and fruit are the principal exports, while the imports, valued at about £1,000,000 annually, include many products which Canada can supply. Trade with the West Indies, which has received an impetus from the recent preferential agreement, will be facilitated by the establishment of this branch.

SOLDIER HOMESTEADS

Provision is made in the "Land Regulations" that a soldier who had obtained entry before enlistment could not secure a soldier grant in the vicinity of his homestead, was permitted to exchange his homestead entry for another that he might select in the vicinity of his soldier grant selection.

Under circular letter from the Department, dated the 29th February, 1921, agents of Dominion lands have been advised that this privilege is to be discontinued after the 1st of May, 1921.

Soldier settlers, therefore, who are desirous of taking advantage of the right to exchange their homesteads should act as soon as possible before that date.

Asker

Mrs. A. Ravenscroft and Mrs. N. Vold spent two or three days in Edmonton this week.

The dance given by the U.F.A. last Friday was very well attended considering the inclement cold. Every one enjoyed themselves until early morning.

The ladies of the district are busily engaged this week preparing for their bazaar on Saturday, March 19.

Mrs. Grant Paulsen visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans, Wetaskiwin, last week.

The U.F.A. and W. had long and important meetings last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vold entertained a number of friends last Friday.

Mrs. E. Dittmer and Mrs. L. M. Tronson spent the latter part of the week at Edmonton.

Mrs. B. Shale spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Krefling.

A number of relatives spent a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Halvorsen last Saturday. The event being the second birthday of the little grandson, Thor Krefling.

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